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REVIEW OF DOLPHIN MORTALITY LIMITS (DMLs) FOR 2026

This report presents details about the utilization of Dolphin Mortality Limits (DMLs) in 2026.

The overall limit for the fleet, each year, has been 5,000, and the portion available for distribution 4,900; the difference constitutes the Reserve DML Allocation (RDA), utilized at the Director's discretion for extraordinary cases.

The current situation for 2025 (as of 16 October) is as follows:

Type of DML (vessel limit)	Allocated	Utilized prior Apr-1 Oct-1	Renounced	Exempted due to *force majeure*	Forfeited
Full-year (47)	103	79	1[1]	21[2]	3
Second-semester	0				
RDA	8[3]	7	0	0	0

[1] 1 vessels renounced to its DML.
[2] 12 vessels have not used their DML as of 16 October.
[3] 8 RAD DML assigned: 10 dolphins.

The figure presented below illustrates the utilization of DMLs by category of cumulative mortality per vessel, together with statistics such as number of sets on dolphins, total and average mortality per vessel and per set.

MORTALIDAD CAUSADA POR BUQUES CON LMD - 2026
MORTALITY CAUSED BY DML VESSELS - 2026

